



Essex County Racketball Closed



The 2011 Essex County Closed Racketball Competition sponsored again by **Millane Contract Services Ltd**, was held for the first time at The Woodford Wells Club, Woodford Green.

Lee Jemmet (Redbridge Sports Centre) raised the Men's A trophy, beating **Elliot Selby** (Five Lakes Club) 3 sets to 1 (13/11,8/11,11/8,13/11).

The Ladies' A was title was taken by **Zoe Mellis** (The Woodford Wells Club) 3 sets to 2 after last year's champion **Sarah Neller** (Club Kingswood) had to pull out in the fifth game due to injury.

Patrick Osborn (The Woodford Wells Club) took the Men's O45 trophy, beating **Bob Ing** (Club Kingswood) 3 sets to 1. The O55 Trophy was won by **Dave Neller** (Club Kingswood) beating **Phil Murphy** (The Woodford Wells Club) in 3 straight sets.

The Mixed B trophy which is for the more social players was won by **Bruce Ruggles** who beat **Averil Murphy** in 3 straight sets, both from The Woodford Wells Club

The Racketball doubles proved to be one of the most exciting events to watch. As you can imagine it is very crowded with 4 people on a squash court, add to this, alternate hits of a speeding ball with frantic playing tactics and you have a spectacle which is both entertaining to watch and great fun to play. This year again it was The Woodford Wells pair **Patrick Osborn** and **Mark Thornley** who took on father and son **Paul Selby** and **Elliot Selby** (Five Lakes Club) who delighted us with this game. The Wells pair took the doubles title 3 sets to 1. Perhaps Elliot will pair off with his brother Daryl Selby (national champion) for next year's championship.

A great weekend was had by all, the Essex SRA would like to thank sponsor Dave Millane, The Woodford Wells Club for hosting the event, all the markers, and all those who took part or just came to watch.

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Dave Neller
Chairman
Men's A Winner
Lee Jemmet



Doubles Winners
Patrick Osborn & Mark Thornley



Doubles Finalist
Elliot Selby, Paul Selby Patrick Osborn,
Mark Thornley



Mixed B Finalist
Averil Murphy
&
Bruce Ruggles



O45 Finalist
Bob Ing
&
Patrick Osborn



Ladies' A Winner
Zoe Mellis



O55 Finalist
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